

But not this time. The pollsters have spoken—thunderously. The good guys are the best there is.

This city and this state spent Monday basking in the glow of an undefeated season and an Orange Bowl victory. Tuesday, although a day back at work, is a day to bask in the glow of a national title.

Wednesday Nebraskans can remind themselves that football and all sports are only small parts of what the billboards at the borders advertise as The Good Life. They can get on seriously with 1995.

But not before one more warm embrace with some brand new and sparkling memories—of a coach who demonstrates, even in winning it all, his faithfulness to priorities that go beyond winning, of a team that leaves taunting to opponents foolish enough to waste their energy on it, and of a Big Red army that kept the faith.

In all those bars and bowling alleys and coffee shops across Nebraska, on all those charts where a dozen victories were joyfully recorded, victory No. 13 is now writ large: Nebraska 24, Miami 17.

The 1994 football season ended as it began. It was N credible!

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN J. CAPESTRO

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last year, the people of Middlesex County, NJ, lost one of their greatest and most popular public servants with the passing of Mr. Stephen J. Capestro. The death of Mr. Capestro has, for me, meant the loss not only of a top political leader, but of a good friend.

In December 1992, Mr. Capestro retired from elected public office after having served 24 years as a Middlesex County Freeholder. For 13 of these years, he served as the board's director. During those years of distinguished service, Steve Capestro's was a name and a face synonymous with dedication and good government. Shortly after his retirement, on May 27, 1993, Steve was honored with a testimonial dinner in Edison, NJ, which was attended by a wide array of State, county, and local political leaders from both parties, as well as many other community leaders. It was a most fitting tribute to a man who had made such a profound impact on his community, but it is sad that this proved to be one of the last occasions for many of Steve's friends and well-wishers to see him.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Steve's family relocated to New Jersey where "Cap," as he was known to his classmates, graduated from Toms River High School. Steve was a four-sport athlete, and was active in many other organizations. He attended Franklin and Marshall University in Pennsylvania on a football scholarship, was active in student organizations and maintained honor roll grades. He went on to New Jersey's Rutgers University, where he was on the varsity football team for 3 years and earned the nickname the "Golden Toe" for his extra point kicking. He also held down various jobs throughout his college years. In fact, it was while working at the Raritan Arsenal that he met Miss Vivian Testa, whom he would go on to marry. But first, after graduating from Rutgers, Steve went into the Army and served as a paratrooper with the Of-

fice of Strategic Services during World War II. He received a medical discharge in 1945.

An active member of his church and community, Steve, along with other parishioners of Holy Rosary Church started one of the first Little Leagues in New Jersey. After years as a self-employed businessman, he was appointed director of health and welfare, parks and recreation of Edison Township. He became a Middlesex County Freeholder in 1968, serving as director of the board from 1979 until his retirement in 1992. From 1978 through 1984, Steve worked for the New Jersey Highway Authority, and was heavily involved in the senior citizen programs, ethnic festivals and other activities at the Garden State Arts Center.

Steve's commitment to his church and his community was well-known. The list of his civic memberships, accomplishments, and awards is a long one, so it's no coincidence that the list of people who volunteered to help organize his testimonial dinner was also quite long. Perhaps the best indicator of the type of official and the type of man that Steve was comes through in his own assessment of his life and career: "Life has been a lot of fun for Steve Capestro. Working with people is the greatest thrill of all. Working with the public is and always has been a pleasure and an honor."

For those who knew him personally, and for those who only knew of him through his work, this statement was pure Steve Capestro. Indeed, the public and private sides of Steve were the same person—straight-forward, down to earth, someone who genuinely enjoyed working with people. For his friends, colleagues and the many others who benefited from his years of exemplary public service, Steve Capestro will truly be missed. I extend my deepest sympathies to Vivian and hope that the many tributes to Steve will be at least some comfort to her.

Mr. Speaker, to my colleagues, in this House, I would say that the life and the public career of Steve Capestro represents everything that we should strive to be.

IN TRIBUTE TO ED MADIGAN

HON. HARRIS W. FAWELL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. FAWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my former colleague in the House, my dear colleague from the State of Illinois and, moreover, my good friend, Ed Madigan.

I had the honor of serving with Ed Madigan in Congress from 1985 to 1991. Ed was one of the Members of the Illinois delegation, and of the entire Congress, that I most respected and from whom I frequently sought counsel and advice.

For those of my colleagues who did not have the honor of serving with Ed in Congress, he served 10 terms in the House from Illinois' 15th Congressional District. For 8 years he was the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, and served on that committee for a total of 18 years. There was no greater authority in Congress on farm issues than Ed Madigan, and I often sought Ed's views on farm issues when they came before the House.

But Ed was not only a leader on agriculture issues. While in the House, he served as

chairman of the Republican Research Committee, and was a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Of course, in 1991, President Bush named Ed the Nation's 24th Secretary of Agriculture. As Secretary, Ed was designated by President Bush to serve as the lead negotiator on the agriculture portion of the trade negotiations under the GATT.

However, Ed Madigan is best remembered by me as simply a very good friend. Although when I first came to Congress, Ed was an eminently successful Member. He was never too busy to give me a listening ear. His success in politics never went to his head. With Ed, what you saw was what you got. There were no pretensions. He was a friend who could put one at ease precisely because he was interested in other people's concerns. I do not believe I ever heard anyone in Congress, or, for that matter, anyone in my presence ever say anything derogatory about Ed Madigan. I know I shall miss him. He leaves a rich legacy for all of us who were privileged to have known him.

BAN ON SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 17, 1995

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, the opening day of the 104th Congress, I reintroduced my bill, H.R. 250, to ban the manufacture and sale of Saturday Night Specials. I did so because I know these guns are used to commit crimes, from armed robbery to murder, every day. As crime in this country has grown so has the prevalence of Saturday Night Specials. I believe that taking these dangerous weapons off of our streets is a key to reducing violent crime and saving the lives of our Nation's citizens.

We have all heard the cliché "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." However, on the streets of our cities and in the schools of our neighborhoods guns kill people, some types of guns kill more often than others. Although we have successfully banned semi-automatic assault type weapons, we have failed to ban Saturday Night Specials, a type of handgun that dominates ATF's list of guns used most often in crime. One model, the Raven P-25, has topped that list since 1991.

Saturday Night Specials are cheap, easily concealed handguns. Many sell for between \$70 and \$115 while the average handgun costs approximately \$400. Often they are made with deficient materials and do not possess any safety features. The guns my legislation addresses have already been banned from import by ATF because of their inherently dangerous characteristics. Five of the ten guns traced most often to crime by ATF in 1994 would be banned under the import criteria. Additionally, of all crimes committed with guns appearing on ATF's top ten list, the percentage committed with Saturday Night Specials increased from 58 percent in 1991 to 73 percent in 1994. "Made in America" usually means quality and pride, but not in the production of Saturday Night Specials.